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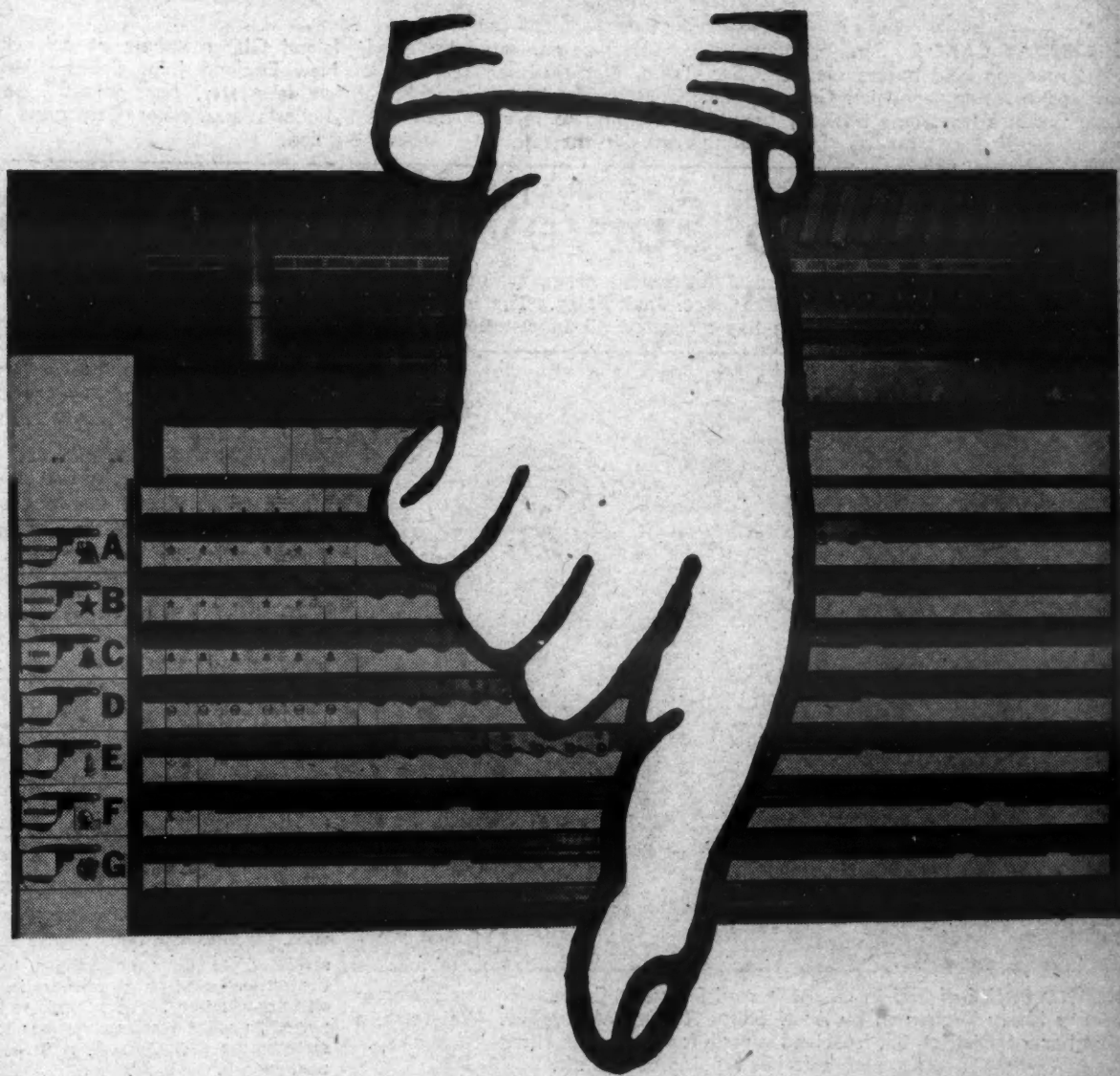
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New York City



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BIRTHDAY CAKE for Sen. Theodore Green (l.) was presented by Rhode Island CIO members at enthusiastic PAC meeting held before election. Sec.-Treas. Nat Kushner (center) of New England Joint Board, RWDSU, chaired meeting, at which Governor Dennis Roberts, right, also spoke. A few days later, labor gave 87-year-old Sen. Green a handsome birthday present by helping to re-elect him, Gov. Roberts and other Democrats in a sweeping victory in the smallest state in the union.

RWDSU to Survey Welfare Plans

A survey of health, welfare and retirement programs, of RWDSU locals is being undertaken by the International Union, it was reported by Exec. Sec. Jack Paley. The information compiled from the locals' replies will be transmitted to the CIO, which has requested all International unions to conduct this survey. The forthcoming CIO convention, to be held in Los Angeles in December, will act on recommendations to be made by the CIO's Standing Committee on Ethical Practices.



GRAND PRIZE of \$25 in recent Record Snapshot Contest is turned over to winner Harry Weissman by Asst. Editor Roland Willoughby. Weissman, a member of District 65, received award for fine shot titled "Upsadaisy!" showing a father holding baby aloft.

Each local in the RWDSU will receive a form questionnaire, Paley said. Replies will be tabulated and the information assessed to determine the specific recommendations to be made by both the RWDSU and national CIO.

Questions to be asked cover welfare and pension benefits and systems of administration used by locals in operating their welfare programs.

CIO To Hold Hearings

Meanwhile, the CIO announced that its Standing Committee had scheduled public hearings in New York City on Nov. 22 and 23, in order to get ideas from experts on how to safeguard union welfare funds.

RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg was invited, together with other leaders of CIO affiliates, to offer suggestions to the Committee based on experiences in their own organizations. The Committee is expected to make recommendations to the forthcoming CIO Convention to be held next month.

Wanamaker Closing to Hit 1,800

NEW YORK CITY—Announcement by management of John Wanamaker of its plans to close its large department store on Jan. 31 came as a shocking and unexpected blow last month to 1,800 employees who now face loss of their jobs. An independent union of Wanamaker employees was apparently caught unawares by the announcement, and responded by making strenuous efforts to persuade management to change its mind.

With no retirement plan or severance pay provision to cushion the blow of the store's planned closing, Wanamaker employees were reported by the newspapers to be considering ways of buying the apparently unprofitable business, and continuing to operate it themselves. This was later changed to an offer to management to pour employees' money into the business, which the company would continue to run, by making a ten per cent weekly payroll deduction and investing it in Wanamaker's.

While the firm's main store at 8th St. and Broadway is scheduled to close, the company said it would continue to operate its branch store in Great Neck, L.I., as well as its still unfinished branch at the Cross-Country Shopping Center in Yonkers. The latter store will employ about 750, but the company did not say how many, if any, of its New

York employees would be transferred.

The importance of adequate retirement and severance pay provisions in union contracts was underscored by the Wanamaker announcement, it was pointed out by RWDSU Organization Dir. Alvin E. Heaps.

"This abrupt and heartless action by Wanamaker's against 1,800 of its employees," he said, "is a demonstration of the need for strong unions led by foresighted and devoted trade unionists. Faced with a similar situation recently in the Schulte Cigar chain, our Local 906 was able to win \$400,000 in severance pay for Schulte employees. Two years ago, District 65, confronted by the closing of Loeser's Dept. Store in Brooklyn, was successful in obtaining more than \$1,000,000 in severance pay.

"By contrast, when the unorganized McCreery store folded a year ago, its employees had no union to fight for them and, as far as we are able to learn, they got nothing. Now we see Wanamaker employees offering to invest in the firm, at the cost of a reduction in their take-home pay, in order to avoid the same fate.

"Let's learn from their situation, and build our own unions and strengthen our union contracts, to guard against such a contingency in any of our shops."

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Imagine for a moment that the GOP had beaten the Democrats by two million votes. What an uproar of self-congratulation would have appeared in the

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overwhelmingly pro-Republican press! What a flood of statements hailing such a vote as a complete endorsement of Republican policies! Then doesn't it stand to reason that 22 million votes *against* the party in power show a decided lack of confidence in those policies and a desire by the majority of the voters to return to the policies of the New Deal and Fair Deal?

The fact is that such a resounding defeat for a party only two years after its return to power is a terrific blow to the GOP. There were setbacks for labor and liberals, of course. The defeat of such candidates as Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. in New York and Sen. Bourke in Ohio, were serious losses. But the CIO News, in its issue of Nov. 8, correctly termed the election a victory for Fair Deal forces in American politics, and said that these forces were now "half way to the White House."

In the same issue, an editorial entitled "Progress at the Polls" analyzed what the results mean to CIO members. The full text of the editorial follows:

The Republicans' "great crusade"—whatever it was—came to an end in the 1954 elections. It is clear that the Republican program failed to stir the emotions and the support of the American voting majority.

Averell Harriman, elected governor of New York State, has pointed out that the voters want "government with a heart" in Albany. They want it in Washington, too. During the past two years, the big business group in government has shown it couldn't find the "heart" of

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government if it had a compass.

Some facts stand out, even at this early date:

• A prime goal of the GOP strategists was the defeat of the most dynamic Fair Deal Democratic Senators. Not one was licked. Such men as Humphrey, Douglas, Neely, Anderson, Kerr and others were re-elected. So, too, in the earlier southern primaries, were such stalwarts as Sparkman, Kefauver and Kerr Scott in North Carolina.

The liberal Democratic bloc in the Senate will be stronger than ever—with the election of men like Barkley in Kentucky, McNamara in Michigan, O'Mahoney in Wyoming, and Neuberger in Oregon.

• Democrats won numerous key governorships—at a time when GOP policy was directed at throwing anti-labor pro-f victories, like those of Harfiman, Wil-

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liams in Michigan, Leader in Pennsylvania, Freeman in Minnesota, Ribicoff in Connecticut, cannot be under-estimated.

• McCarthyist influences in the GOP took a shellacking. Many of these extremists hope for a Republican defeat—so they could strengthen their control over the Republican Party machinery and tighten their chains on Ike.

But Clifford Case—prime target of these fanatics—was, barring a reversal by recount, the winner in New Jersey. Such pro-McCarthy Congressmen as Clardy in Michigan, Busbey and Bishop in Illinois — backyard of the Chicago Tribune—and Kersten in Wisconsin, were defeated.

• **Unemployment — and distaste for GOP “care-nothing, do-nothing” policies — played a major role in many states. As the campaign developed, the GOP was forced to abandon those policies and to adopt, at least for campaign purposes, a Fair Deal outlook on jobs.**

• The GOP's give-away policy program was clearly unpopular in areas most affected: states like Oregon, Montana, Wyoming Tennessee.

Yes, this was a real victory for political action by labor and all the people. CIO-PAC did a magnificent job in state after state. Workers learned the issues; they went to the polls; they helped in the campaigns and coordinated their efforts with other liberal groups. By their support and enthusiasm, they beat back the threat of continued complete big-business control of government.

It was a demand of the people for "government with a heart"—the same sort of government America had during 20 years of New Deal and Fair Deal.

'Unfair' Picketing At N. Y. Store Okayed by Court

ALBANY, N. Y.—The Court of Appeals has ruled that an employer cannot interfere with a union which is picketing his store peacefully in an attempt to recruit his employees—no matter how long the picketing goes on.

The 4-3 decision upset a ruling made last December by a lower court in a case involving picketing of a New York City liquor store by a local of the AFL Wine & Liquor Store Employees Union.

Union pickets had marched in front of the store for two years prior to the lower court's injunction. They carried signs charging the liquor store was unfair to labor.

The lower court had barred the picketing, claiming that the picketing was unlawful because it sought to force the employer to negotiate, rather than aiming at enrolling the employees as union members.

The employer claimed the union's aim was to drive him out of business. The union said its aim was to organize the clerks.

Writing the majority opinion for the court, Judge Marvin R. Dye declared:

"The incidents complained of do not constitute an unlawful objective, but at most amount to no more than the consequences frequently accompanying peaceful picketing in a labor dispute."

He added that the fact that the picketing had continued for two years, without being successful in recruiting any new members, was not a controlling factor in the case.

1954 Prosperous For Stockholders

WASHINGTON—Unemployment may be higher than one year ago but stockholders are finding the first nine months of 1954 are plush compared to a similar period in 1953.

A report just issued by the Office of Business Economics of the Department of Commerce shows that cash dividend payments by corporations issuing public reports amounted to \$6.4 billion for the first nine months of this year. This compares with \$6 billion for the first nine months of 1953.

Commerce reports that higher dividend rates per share were primarily responsible for the increased payments this year in many industries. In some cases part of the increases may be due to firms that shifted their usual payment dates from last December to January.

Dividend cash payments dropped in comparatively few industries. Among these were automobiles, nonferrous metals, textiles and leather.

Some of the biggest increases in 1954 payments over 1953 were in finance, chemicals, oil refining, electrical machinery and iron and steel.

Labor News Roundup

NLRB "GIVE-AWAY" HIT BY LABOR

WASHINGTON—The National Labor Relations Board is cutting down sharply on the number of cases in which it will assume jurisdiction, bringing new labor charges that the NLRB is throwing hundreds of thousands of workers to state and local anti-labor wolves.

In a series of six decisions, the Board refused to take jurisdiction over an intra-state trucking company, a rice drying cooperative, two supermarkets, an office building, a gas utility company and a franchised automobile dealer, none of which fell within the "dollar categories" established by the Board.

The vote was 3-2, a pattern of voting that has become increasingly frequent in recent months. On the majority were Chairman Guy Farmer and Board members Philip Ray Rodgers and Albert C. Beeson, all Eisenhower appointees. The minority consisted of Ivar H. Petersen and Abe Murdock, both Truman holdovers.

CIO General Counsel Arthur J. Goldberg declared that the jurisdictional standards applied in the case constituted "another give-away—this time a giveaway of the rights guaranteed under the Labor-Management Relations Act."

Dissenting member Murdock declared that the majority decision did not "encourage the practice and procedure of collecting bargaining," as the Labor-Management Act provides. Instead, he said, the decision abandoned areas in which the Board's close attention was most needed. Murdock continued:

"Retail stores, particularly of the chain variety, small plants and operations, plants set up for national defense work under sub-contracts, small trucking concerns, franchised dealers in automobiles and farm machinery—these are the areas which at present have the lowest incidence of collective bargaining and employee self-organization, and these are the areas, as the Board well knows, in which organizational activity by unions is most intense. It is very definitely the Board's concern that this area of intensifying union and anti-union activity of both legal and illegal types is also precisely the area of greatest industrial unrest with the resulting serious threat to the free flow of commerce which Congress sought to protect."

CIO Union Wins Beer for Indians

SIoux CITY, (Iowa)—A 115-year-old Iowa law has gone into the wastebasket, and the right of American Indians to drink a bottle of beer as well as the next fellow was firmly established through the efforts of a CIO Packinghouse Workers local union here.

UPWA rallied to the support of David St. Cyr, Indian member of Local No. 34, Armour, arrested along with tavern owner John Dillon, who sold St. Cyr a bottle of beer in violation of an Iowa statute forbidding the sale of alcoholic beverages to Indians.

The discriminatory legislation was declared unconstitutional by Municipal Judge George M. Paradise following vigorous defense of the Indian unionist by the UPWA locals in the city. The judge declared the century-old Iowa law "arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable and discriminatory."

UPWA participation in the case was organized by the joint anti-discrimination committee of its Sioux City locals.

50 JOBS; 2000 APPLICANTS

WASHINGTON—There was a small job to be done. The abandoned rails of the old Pittsburgh Railways Co. trolley line between Donaldson's Crossroads and Washington, Pa. were to be removed.

The company, Monongahela Iron and Metal Co., figured that some 50 or 60 laborers working three months could do the job. Ads were placed in several small newspapers in the area announcing the temporary jobs and asking the workers to report to the intersection of bus

route 19 and McMurray Road, just 18 miles south of Pittsburgh.

The first men, traveling by foot, auto and bus, began arriving at 7 a.m. Five hours later an estimated 2,000 men were milling around the area hoping to find work.

The foreman, John Kon, arrived about 9 a.m. and selected a few men for the available jobs. The rest kept hanging around the gates of the company's employment office. Company officials were reported almost "panic stricken" by the flood of job seekers.

Police said the job hunters were unemployed coal miners, mill hands and workers laid off from industrial plants in the area. Some of the men said that they had no work for as long as 18 months or two years.

Michael Standtlander, co-owner of the firm, said: "We have all the laborers we need now and know where we can get more if necessary."

Testimonial Dinner for Reuther

LOS ANGELES, (Calif.)—Social highlight of the forthcoming CIO convention here will be a testimonial dinner in honor of CIO President Walter Reuther. The dinner will take place at the convention site, Hotel Statler, and the proceeds will go to the City of Hope, National Medical Center. Joseph Beirne, president of the CIO Communications Workers, will be dinner chairman.

AFL, CIO HELP UN KIDS' FUND



LABOR SUPPORTS UN CHILDRENS FUND: Maurice Pate (right), executive director of UNICEF shows Morris Iushevitz (left), secretary-treasurer of the New York City CIO Council, and Charles S. Zimmerman, vice-president of the AFL-CIO, an area to be served by the Fund to which they pledged trade union support. UNICEF this year will supply medicines, milk, etc., to 31,000,000 children and their mothers in underdeveloped areas.

NEW YORK—Charles S. Zimmerman, vice president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO, and Morris Iushevitz, secretary-treasurer of the New York City CIO Council, have pledged New York's trade union support for the United Nations Children's Fund.

Paying a special visit to the United Nations as part of UN Week, the two union leaders called upon their fellow unionists in the New York area to support UNICEF plans for educational and other activities to familiarize organized workers with UNICEF were discussed.

Established in 1946, the United Nations agency expects to aid in 1954 a total of 31,000,000 children and nursing and expectant mothers in 88 countries throughout the world. It provides medicines, milk, medical equipment for rural health centers and welfare services in under-developed countries in Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and Africa. In all cases, assisted countries match UNICEF funds, at least dollar for dollar.

what's new in our industry

With this issue *The Record* begins a regular column of news items concerning companies under contract with locals of the RWDSU. The items are culled from serious trade sources and business publications. Members are invited to send to *The Record* (132 W. 43rd St., NYC 36, N. Y.) similar items they may find.

General Foods shows an increase of \$622,000 in net profits over last year for the third quarter of 1954... W. T. Grant has leased space in the community center to be called Lakewood Shopping Center in Houston... Campbell Soup Co. took the lid off its soup pot of assets and earnings, disclosing total assets of \$223,105,804. Net income for the year ending July 31 was \$23,563,257... Toy Assn. survey indicates America's toy business may pass billion-dollar mark this year

for first time in history. Members of association produce 80% of American-made toys.

Swiss Watch importers face a 50% increase in tariff rates passed July 31, 1954. Large watch companies here fought for this hike to protect their industry, arguing that defense skills of employees justify protective measure... TV Sales have been topping last year's volume by about 2%... Radio Sales are down 17% from 1953... American Tobacco Co., nation's largest domestic tobacco producer, increased net income nearly 6% the first nine months of this year as compared to same period in 1953.

Borden Co. shares being sold at 47 1/4% over their price two years ago. On the other hand farmers complain cows are worth 42% less on the market today...

Selling Research Inc. survey shows a family spends more money in a supermarket when the husband is present than when the wife is alone. This was a national survey of 2,400 shoppers... Davega Stores, Corp. opened its new 42nd St. branch in N.Y.C. with splash, staying open 39 consecutive hours for convenience of night shift and other workers in the Times Square area... Lerner and Simco Shoe chains opened new branches in Newark at the site of the former Newark Post Office. This is the first N.J. branch for Simco... National Shoes has leased property in the new Great Lincoln Shopping Center in Oceanside, L.I.

Dept. Store notes: Management consultant Robert G. Axtell declares the rise of the suburban branch store will eventually revolutionize department store

organization. He lists reasons given by store executives: "America is moving to the suburbs"; "Congestion will destroy the downtown store"; "Our competition is forcing us to go into branch stores"; "We can spread our overhead over more volume by branching out"... Gimbel's branch in Philadelphia, scheduled to open in the spring, will have merchandise delivered from the source rather than from the main store to the branch... Dept. Store Sales rose 4% for week ending Oct. 30 over sales for the same period last year, Federal Reserve Board reported. This compares with 9% gain for preceding week... New York City Apparel Stores recorded sales gain of 9% for the week ending Oct. 30 compared with last year's scoring. For the year to-date sales are ahead 3%...

Six Rob't. Hall Shops Settle in Connecticut

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Employees of Robert Hall, leading men's clothing chain, won substantial wage increases in a new contract covering the company's salesrooms in this city and five other cities throughout Connecticut, reported Local 282 Mgr. Martin Janow. Wage boosts of \$3 per week for male employees and \$2 for females, plus employer-paid life insurance were gained.

Janow also reported that negotiations with Crotty Bros., operators of industrial cafeterias at Pratt & Whitney and Royal Typewriter plants in Hartford, and Szabo Food Service, covering cafeteria employees at the New Departure plant in Bristol, had resulted in establishment of the Local 282 Insurance Plan.

Nearly 100 employees in these shops will now be entitled to \$25 weekly sickness and disability benefits for 18 weeks, surgical care, and hospitalization coverage for both members and their dependents.

The same insurance benefits are now available to 100 employees of Lerner Shops in Bridgeport, New Haven, Waterbury and New Britain. Workers of the Kitty Kelly store in Stamford have been organized and negotiations are now going on, Janow said.

Regal, Worth Talks

Contract talks have been scheduled for December covering the 30 employees of the Regal Drug Co. in New Haven, while the 100 members of Worth's Dept. Store in Waterbury are presently conducting their negotiations.

Members of Local 282 actively participated in CIO-PAC efforts in behalf of the candidacy of Rep. Abraham Ribicoff for governor of Connecticut, and other Democrats endorsed by the State CIO Council. Labor efforts were credited with having provided the margin of victory for Ribicoff.

Long Island CIO Commends Maltz

NEW YORK CITY—A special commendation from the Nassau-Suffolk CIO Council marked the recent resignation of Jack Maltz, Asst. manager of Retail Shoe Employees Local 287, from his post as the Council's secretary-treasurer.

Maltz had held that office for seven years, following three years on the Council executive board. He resigned because of increasing demands upon his time to carry out his own union duties.

In letters to Local 287 Mgr. Samuel Lowenthal and RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg, Council Pres. Emil Lindahl expressed his organization's regrets at Maltz's retirement after "years of devoted and efficient service."

He termed Maltz "a credit to your union and the labor movement as a whole."



Jack Maltz

Local 309 Elects in N. J.

JERSEY CITY, N.J.—The members of Local 309 in Jersey City, employed at Grinnell Lithographing Co., named Lewis A. Kemp as their president in elections for officers and stewards.

Results of the contests for officers and stewards, held Oct. 17 and Nov. 4, were as follows:

President, Lewis A. Kemp; Vice-President, Angela Covoli; Financial Sec.-Treas., Mildred Mirocco; Recording Sec., Ida Rose Bailey; Executive Board Members, George Coyne, Emma Swift, Frank Picerno and Helen Sentipal.

Trustees, Anna Haines, Helen Ferdon and Edna Austin; Chief Shop Steward, Ruth Curtis; Men's Shop Steward, John Gaito; Coll. Shop Steward, Betty Foley; Fin. Shop Steward, Emma Swift; Grievance Committee, Dencie Mixson, Eleanor Hundley and Nicholas Chmo.

Tellers in the election were Ann Soloway and Claire Pianetti.



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TO JACK PALEY from his co-workers of the District 65 staff went this desk set as token of affection and regard. Paley, a top leader of '65' since 1937, is now devoting bulk of his time to post as Executive Secretary of RWDSU, but still supervising many key functions of '65'.



Report to membership of Culinary Local 923 is delivered by RWDSU Sec.-Treas. Martin C. Kyne, administrator of local. At left, Vice-Pres. John Cooney, and attorney Robert Markewich.

'923' Members Cheer Administrator's Acts

NEW YORK CITY—Solid support for RWDSU efforts to protect the interests of its members was evidenced at a membership meeting of Culinary Employees Local 923, held on Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Hotel Diplomat.

Almost 800 members of the local gave near-unanimous and enthusiastic approval to reports and recommendations delivered by RWDSU Sec.-Treas. Martin C. Kyne, who has been serving as administrator of the local since its officers were suspended Sept. 18 as a result of disclosures of welfare fund irregularities.

The '923' members heard a detailed though still incomplete report on the findings of auditors who are examining the books and records of the local under the supervision of Administrator Kyne. He also described the day-to-day operation of the union, including a successful four-hour strike at the two Van Dyck luncheonettes.

Old Board Suspended

Kyne informed the members that members of the old executive board suspended by the membership at the local's meeting Sept. 20, had brought action to lift the suspension and win reinstatement. A resolution was overwhelmingly adopted to prohibit members of the old board from exercising any function of office in the union, pending action on charges preferred against them.

On the basis of the preliminary investigation of the local's welfare fund, Kyne said, benefits for members could be more than doubled in the very near future, and dependents could also be covered for the first time in Local 923's history.

Other recommendations made by Kyne called for regular meetings of members working in the same geographical areas, and a bulletin to be put out by the local in order to keep its members informed of all developments affecting them.

Whelan Sodachiefs Gets Bonus Hike

NEW YORK CITY—A 25% wage increase in bonuses for sodachiefs of the Whelan drug chain was announced last month following a special meeting of workers in this category at Retail Drug Local 1199 headquarters. The increase, retroactive to July 1, the date of the Whelan agreement with '1199', was announced by Whelan executive Benjamin Thaw, who addressed the meeting of 30 sodachiefs.

The new bonus arrangement followed a series of conferences between management and a union committee, headed by '1199' Pres. Leon J. Davis, which included Lewis Dicks, Buddy Astigher and George Forebers.

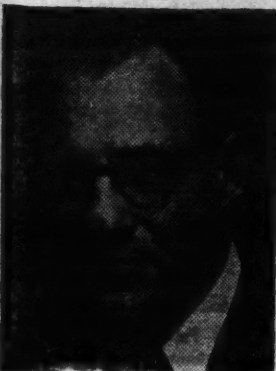
During contract negotiations, sodachiefs had indicated that their bonuses had been declining constantly since they were computed on the basis of fountain overhead costs.

Drug Local's Program Of Classes Successful

NEW YORK CITY—More than 100 members of Retail Drug Local 1199 are already enrolled in the union's class program. Most popular are classes in Spanish, with two classes already in progress and a third scheduled to begin early next month. The Spanish classes are aimed at enabling pharmacists, drug clerks and cosmeticians to more effectively handle Spanish speaking customers.

Markewich Elected Judge

NEW YORK CITY—Arthur Markewich, for many years associated with the law firm of Markewich, Rosenhaus & Markewich, attorneys for the RWDSU and many of its New York affiliates, was elected to the State Supreme Court bench by a substantial majority. He ran as a candidate of the Democratic and Liberal Parties.



Judge Markewich had served as a City Court Justice since his election to that post in 1958. Earlier, he had been a city magistrate and assistant district attorney. During the years he was in private practice, he participated in many important cases for the RWDSU and its locals, some of which were credited with establishing notable precedents in labor law.

His candidacy for the Supreme Court post was endorsed by both CIO and AFL, as well as the non-partisan Citizens Union, and he was found well-qualified by professional law groups. A number of RWDSU officers, led by Pres. Max Greenberg, visited his campaign headquarters on election night to offer their congratulations and best wishes.

'65' Asks U.S. Halt Arab Arms, Aid Israel Peace

NEW YORK CITY—The District 65 General Council of 1,000 stewards, meeting Nov. 3, joined all of American labor in speaking out against American arming of the Arab states and urging the Government to use its power and prestige to work for peace between the Arab countries and the Jewish state of Israel.

In order to implement this resolution the Council launched a drive among 65ers to send letters and telegrams to their Congressmen urging them to support the petition of Congressman Emanuel Celler, which calls for stopping appropriations of funds to arm the Arabs.

The Council action followed an emergency labor conference on Israel held late last month, where such speakers as AFL Pres. George Meany, CIO Vice-Pres. Jacob Potofsky, ILGWU Pres. David Dubinsky and others called on the United States Government to stop sending arms to the Arabs. The conference set up a committee to plan future action in this connection. Serving on this committee are RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg and Vice-Pres. David Livingston, president of District 65.

The '65' stewards acted in response to a report by General Org. Frank Brown, chairman of the District's Jewish Affairs Committee, who pointed out that "the policy of our Government in arming the Arab states is an immediate threat to the security and survival of the State of Israel."

Cold War Into Hot

Brown further stated that if the present policy continues, "the cold war atmosphere which now exists in the Middle East will be changed into a hot war, stoked with fuel from America."

In commenting on the report, RWDSU Exec. Sec. Jack Paley scored the use of Israel as a pawn in world politics and recalled that as recently as a year ago the District had condemned the Soviet Union for its bullying tactics towards the Jewish state. He pointed out, too, that Israel had made a number of attempts in the United Nations to get peace talks started, only to have each attempt blocked by the big powers.

Brown emphasized that Israel is the only democratic state in the Middle East, where a free and growing trade union movement is represented in government and where there is compulsory free education for Jews and Arabs alike. He also called attention to the fact that the leaders of the Arab countries receiving American arms are "either military dictators or feudal landowners who sided with Hitler during World War II."

"They have refused to sign peace treaties with Israel," he declared, "and some of their armies are today being trained by former Nazi army officers. Our State Dept. should know by now that the way to win friends for our cause is to help these countries develop economically, so that the standard of living of the people will be raised, and not by giving them arms."

Freeman Better After Car Crash

NEW YORK CITY—John Freeman, president of Local 585, last month ran afoul of a truck driver with a long record of traffic violations, and nearly lost his life in the process. He suffered a brain concussion and back and internal injuries in a collision in Brooklyn on Oct. 14.

Freeman was hospitalized for ten days after the accident, and then spent another ten days convalescing at home. He returned to duty on Nov. 8, and asked The Record to express his appreciation for the many kind wishes he had received from RWDSU members during his enforced absence from work.



MAYOR'S OFFICE WAS SCENE of signing of agreement between Local 1125 and Ladies' Apparel Retailers Guild on Oct. 27, and Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Jr. was one of the signers. Seated l. to r. are Bus. Agent Sam Privalsky and Pres. Louis Feldstein of Local 1125; Mayor Wagner; Exec. Dir. Philip Levine and Pres. Moe Messenger of Retailers Guild. Standing are Bus. Agent Harry Serber and Sec.-Treas. Sam Ohrnstein of '1125'; Robert T. Levy of N.Y.C. Labor Relations Dept., and Guild Mgr. Milton C. Rollins.

\$2 Raise, Other Gains for 1500 In Specialty Shop Agreement

NEW YORK CITY—An agreement between Women's Apparel Employees Local 1125 and the major employers' association in the industry was concluded Oct. 27 at the office of Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Jr., it was reported by RWDSU Vice-Pres. Louis Feldstein, president of the local. The new contract covers more than 1,500 workers employed in 250 specialty shops in the city.

The association, the Ladies' Apparel Retailers Guild, numbers among its member shops some of the leading specialty stores in the city, including Levine & Smith, Brenner Bros., Janice Stores, Radin Shops, Fisher Bros., Messinger's Apparel Shops and many other well-known women's wear retailers.

The settlement, which will run for two years, provides \$2 weekly wage increases for all employees, retroactive to Oct. 1, plus an additional \$1 boost next October, as well as substantial fringe benefits. Two additional holidays per year are provided for employees of stores on Manhattan's East Side and sections of Brooklyn.

The conclusion of contract negotiations came as a happy ending to months of negotiations. Early in September talks broke down and the threat of a strike on Oct. 1, expiration date of the contract, loomed as a distinct probability.

At this point Mayor Wagner intervened and put the services of the city's Labor Relations Dept. at the disposal of the parties. At his urging, negotiations were resumed and a settlement was finally reached with the Guild. The mayor also signed the contract in his role as mediator.

The union negotiators were led by Feldstein, Sec.-Treas. Samuel Ohrnstein, Bus. Agents Harry Serber and Samuel Privalsky, and the entire executive board of Local 1125.

Participating with them was a rank and file committee from Guild stores that included Robert Bayer, Florence Fish, Julia Haupt, Martin Abeiman, Marie Tall, David B. Rivlin, Phil A. Pelson, Etta Vide, Abraham E. Kalkstein, Charles Miller, Jean Kantor, Mae Wallach, Joseph Kallus, Doris Rogovin, Hannah Lefcourt and Harry Kessler.

Shoe Locals Map Demands For Ass'n Contract Talks

NEW YORK CITY—Negotiations for new contracts are to begin soon between Locals 287 and 1268 and the Retail Shoe League, an employers' association representing smaller chains and independent shops, '287' Ass't Manager Jack Maltz reported.

Preparations for the talks, which affect about 1,800 members of the two retail shoe locals, have been completed, with ratification of demands by the members in meetings over the past few weeks.

This group is the second which has prepared for wage talks. Last month the 800 RWDSUers working in the four major chains—Miles, Simco, Kitty Kelly and National—acted on contract demands. In the coming weeks a third group is scheduled to meet. These are the employees of A. S. Beck and Thom McAn stores.

All the contracts expired during August and September, and the union's aim is to establish standard wages and conditions throughout the industry in the coming negotiations. The drive is being led by the local managers, Sam Lowenthal of '287' and Joseph Minenbaum of '1268', with their assistants Sol Sherman and Maltz and David Geisler and Sam Ringle.

Among the demands are a substantial wage increase. Three weeks vacations after five years' service, four additional sick leave days, making 10 altogether; additional paid holidays, dues check-off, two nights off instead of the present one, severance pay provisions and increased employer contributions to death plans.

R. I. Jewelry Plant Signs New Contract

PROVIDENCE, R.I.—The workers in the D.M. Watkins Co. jewelry plant, members of Local 596, renewed their contract last month with several improvements in hospitalization benefits and other working conditions, it was reported by Int'l Vice-Pres. Thomas Leone.

The workers were successful in holding on to the relatively high wages and fine working conditions they enjoy compared to those in other plants in the industry in Rhode Island.

The new contract runs for one year and provides increases of \$4 a day in hospitalization benefits plus coverage for laid-off employees for a month after they leave the job. New provisions protecting employees while on leave of absence were also secured.

The negotiating committee consisted of Local 596 Pres. Aldor Cloutier, Chief Steward Charles McNaugh, Financial Sec. John Bizon and executive board members Elliott Mann and David Greco. They were assisted by Int'l Reps. Francis Carmichael and Frank Petrucci.



UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED were officers and executive board of Candy and Confectionery Local 50 at membership meeting Oct. 23 at Hotel Diplomat. Pres. Frank Scida (speaking) headed the list of newly-elected officers that included Vice-Presidents Fred Alvino, Bessie Adam and Antoinette Cavallo, Sec.-Treas. Agnes De Polo, Trustees Alfred Mastrangelo, Mike Anzalone and Mike Semonelle,

Rec. Sec. Dorothy Raio, Sgts.-at-Arms Pasquale Bruno, Charles Volt and Thomas Hernandez. Exec. Bd. members are Beatrice Litt, Anna Chalmers, Margaret Irving, Harry Willis, Salvatore Confora, Maria Repelone, Amy Oakley, Elizabeth Rigney, Essie Diaz, Rosa Howard, Alfonso Rengel, Angelo Aponte, Alfred Basset, Josephine Crie, Joseph Caraballo, Tony Mass and Charles McRae.

Car Salesmen Talk Union In Cleveland

CLEVELAND, O.—Automobile salesmen employed by the largest auto agencies in this city are seeking to organize a union within the framework of RWDSU, reported Organization Dir. Alvin E. Heaps. A committee of 20 salesmen met last week with Heaps, Ohio State Dir. Gerald Hughes and Int'l Rep. Ed Rosenhahn to request organization of their industry.

Form Committee

The salesmen told the RWDSU leaders that the price war being conducted by the auto dealers was drastically cutting their earnings, and that they felt that union organization was the only way to combat this squeeze.

At the meeting, they formed an organizing committee and made plans to sign up a majority of salesmen in agencies comprising the local automobile dealers' association. Joseph O'Malley, regional director of the United Auto Workers-CIO, was present at the meeting and pledged his support to the salesmen.

Gain Wage Boosts In Dietzgen Pact

One hundred members of Local 26 of the Chicago Joint Board unanimously ratified the terms of a contract worked out by their negotiating committee with the Eugene Dietzgen Co. last month.

Under the terms of the settlement, Dietzgen members received a 4½¢ wage increase retroactive to Sept. 1, improvement in their holiday overtime pay clause, improved insurance benefits and a broadened program for returning servicemen. The company also agreed to review its entire wage program and to correct any inequities which may exist.

The contract is for two years with a wage reopener Sept. 1, 1955 with the Union having the right to strike in the event of no agreement.

Negotiations were handled by Joint Board Pres. Hank Anderson and a plant committee: Henry Curley, John Lain, Myles Nelson, Albert Dodd, Ed Griese and Robert Stubben.

First Union Pact In Ohio Dairy

LANCASTER, O.—The newly organized employees of McLellan's Home Dairy Co. won their first RWDSU contract last month after voting overwhelmingly to quit a so-called independent union and join RWDSU's Local 379.

Home Dairy Unit Chairman Harold Lynn reported, according to Int'l Rep. Gene Ingles, that he and the rest of the new Home Dairy members are very happy with such improvements as \$2 to \$5 wage hikes for plant workers and increases in commissions and base rates for the salesmen.

The gains are retroactive to Sept. 1, and include in addition to the wage increases for inside people:

- Increase of 1% in retail sales commission plus a \$2 hike in the base, making 11% commissions plus \$12 weekly base pay. Wholesale commissions were increased .75% to 6½%, with a raise of \$1.50, making \$16.50 in base.

- Inside job classifications.

- Three weeks' vacation after 15 years of service.

- Half company payment towards family hospitalization and doctor care.

- Half payment for salesmen's uniforms, full payment for plant workers' uniforms.

- Twelve days paid time off for all salesmen.

- Route cut guarantees up to four months.

The negotiating committee included Unit Chairman Lynn, Joe Walters, Leo Hartman, Lawrence Reynolds and Oscar Anderson. They were assisted by Ingles.

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The Midwest

Pension Settlement Won at Borden Plant in Newark, Ohio

NEWARK, Ohio—Members of Unit D, Local 379 employed at the Borden Dairy plant in this city have succeeded in winning agreement by the company to participate in the Local 379 Pension Plan, it was reported by Int'l Rep. Eugene Ingles, who assisted in negotiations. This is the first dairy outside of the Columbus area to

agree to establish the Plan, which calls for a \$12-per-month payment for each employee.

The Borden Co. will begin payments to the pension fund as of November for its Newark employees, making this the third group to be covered. The first two groups were Borden and Diamond Milk Co. employees in Columbus, numbering about 600 workers.

The Pension Plan, whose details were explained to the Newark membership by Ohio State Dir. Jerry Hughes, provides for retirement benefits at the age of 55 after 15 years' service, or at any age after 25 years' service.

Coverage under the Plan is extended even to members who are off the job because of injury, since credit is given for as long as the member is covered by state compensation. It also provides credit for other disability and for leaves of absence.

Win Point Pay In O. Dairy Pact

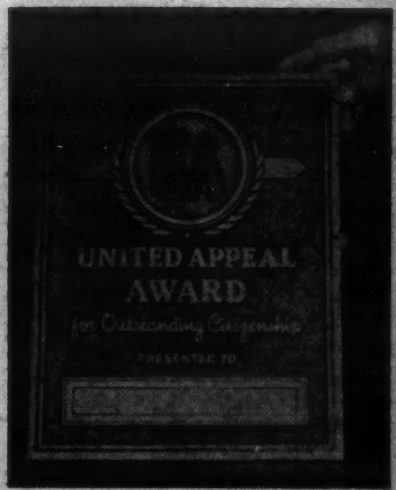
MARION, O.—The Isaly Dairy Co. employees, members of Unit V of Local 379, won renewal of their contract late last month, Int'l Rep. Gene Ingles reported.

The money provisions of the new pact provide across-the-board increases of five cents an hour to the plant workers plus a change-over, beginning Jan. 1, 1955, to a new point system of paying the salesmen. Ingles said the new pay plan will provide substantial increases in income and will also act to stabilize year-round pay.

The new pact also calls for half company payment towards a hospitalization and surgical benefits plan plus a sick leave schedule. In addition there are improvements in grievance procedure and in seniority classifications.

Serving on the negotiating committee were Unit Chairman Vern Ulery, Forrest Windfield, Don Severns, Wilbur Lust, Kenny Baxter, Jack Chapman and Jim Alexander. Int'l Rep. Gene Ingles assisted.

100 Percenters Get Award



PLAQUE OF MERIT was awarded to employees of Diamond Milk Prod.; Moore & Ross Dairy and City Window Cleaning Co., units of Local 379, Columbus, Ohio. United Appeal Award was given to these three RWDSU groups for 100 per cent participation in United Appeals Drive, which raises funds for community health, welfare organizations.

Chi Local 15 Officers Take Oath



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of Bakery & Confectionary Local 15, of Chicago Joint Board are shown being sworn in by Jt. Board Pres. Hank Anderson, right, after election Oct. 23. L.-R., Joe Coles, Treas.; George Menard, Vice-Pres.; Manuel Galladora, Org.; Carl Sanzone, President. Meeting ratified proposed change in by-laws, extending term of office from one year to two years.

Pay, Vacation Hikes Won at Ward in Ind.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—More than 100 members of Local 273 working at the Ward Baking Co. plant in South Bend, Ind. won a new contract late last month, providing increases of five cents an hour over two years, Int'l Rep. Joseph Romer reported.

Effective immediately are wage increases of three cents an hour plus a three cent hike in the night shift bonus, making the night shift differential a total of eight cents an hour. Next year an additional two cent hourly wage increase will go into effect, plus two cents added to the night shift bonus, making it 10 cents an hour.

In addition the requirement for three week vacations was reduced to 10 years' service instead of 12. The plant negotiating committee was led by Local 273 Pres. Joseph Lutz, Int'l Rep. Dan Roser and Romer.

At Muncie, Ind., meanwhile, the employees of two newly organized restaurants won their first RWDSU contracts. The contracts provide wage increases of five cents an hour plus one week vacation after one year's service.

The two restaurants, Chevy Inn and Bert's Restaurant, were first contacted through The Muncie CIO Council, and the workers were signed up in a quick campaign led by Int'l Rep. Romer.

In Indianapolis itself, meanwhile, the campaign to organize the Mutual Dairy Co. was continuing, Romer said.

Hoop League in Chicago

CHICAGO, ILL.—Local 194 is working on a "first" in Chicago labor history. Regional Dir. Al Evanoff reported that the local is forming its own basketball league of six to eight teams, which will play in their own union headquarters.

The big auditorium in the recently built \$250,000 headquarters of Local 194 is being outfitted with basketball backboards, purchased as was other '194' sports equipment with money raised through local dances run by the Athletic Committee. A start has been made in organizing the teams by the Committee, led by co-Chairman Evanoff, which is touring the Campbell Soup Plant to seek out members interested in playing.

Evanoff added that it is the desire of the '194' Athletic Committee to invite other RWDSU locals in Chicago to join '194' in this activity.

Meanwhile the new '194' Bowling League, with seven games under its belt, (as of Saturday, Nov. 6), is fast becoming a permanent part of the local. Bowling takes place on Saturday nights, since the league has teams of all shifts. It is being run by the players themselves, led by League Sec. Otis Neighbors and Am't Sec. Fred Sevicla.



TOKEN OF APPRECIATION from Local 390 members goes to Pres. Fred Summerfeld at annual banquet for stewards, officers of local. Local Grievance Comm. chairman Ed Eilers presents watch as Int'l Organization Dir. Alvin Heaps looks on. Other guests were Ohio Dir. Jerry Hughes and Int'l Rep. Gene Ingles, who took these pictures.



AFTER DESSERT, BINGO occupied banqueters. Members at table above listen intently as numbers are called.

Chi Local Hosts Gls at USO



BREAKFAST COMMITTEE of Local 15 grins with satisfaction after treating over 150 servicemen to hearty repast of ham, bacon, eggs and trimmings at Chicago USO headquarters. Affair was part of RWDSU activity in CIO Community Services program.

A & P Atlanta Pact Provides Pay Gains

ATLANTA, Ga.—Increases ranging from two and a half to 10 cents an hour were won by the 114 employees of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. warehouse in wage negotiations here, Int'l Vice-Pres. Frank Parker reported. The workers are members of Local 343.

In addition to the wage hikes, five cents an hour was added to the rates of night workers, effective Oct. 25, 1954.

The union negotiators were led by Int'l Rep. William E. Connell, with a committee including Thomas Watson, C. H. Webb, Marie Pittman, T. H. Campbell, Melvin Davis, Calvin Gosby, Johnny Whaley and James Rawls.

Memphis Buckeye Pact Boosts Wages, Minimums

CORINTH, Miss.—The members of Local 102 have won a renewal of their contract with the Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., which was due to expire on Nov. 1. The new contract provides for a general increase of two cents per hour, bringing the minimums up to 90c per hour for inexperienced common labor, and \$1.34 for repairman in the mechanical dept.

Agreement was also reached on three weeks' vacation after 15 years of employment. The contract will run for two years until Nov. 1, 1956, with a wage reopener in 1955.

The union committee consisted of Pres. Marvin E. Meeks, G. H. Finger, Eddie Crayton, Tommie D. Collins, Arness

Win Increases at Ala. Auto Firms

GADSDEN, Ala.—Close to 50 members of Auto Service Employees, Local 645 in five automobile dealer establishments won contract renewals earlier this month, Vice-Pres. Frank Parker reported.

Wage increases range from \$2.50 to \$5.50 a week for salaried employees, while mechanics received wage hikes of 10%. They also won improved holiday pay and three days off with pay in case of death in the family.

Parker said the rates set by these RWDSUs are among the highest in the state in their industry.

Int'l Rep. Lester Bettice led the negotiating committee, which consisted of L. C. Tucker, Allen Heath, John Emery, John Gossett, Paul Sanders and W. E. Glidewell. The firms are C & S Garage, Fowler Bros. Motors, Gadsden Motors, Cargoe Nash and John Thomas Motors.

Clark, Lillard Floyd and John Barnes. The company was represented by R. R. Milner of the Industrial Relations Dept., N. A. Garrison, plant superintendent, and Mr. Quinn, District Manager for the Buckeye Cotton Oil Co. The union committee was assisted by Regional Dir. Harry Bush.

Memphis Settlement At Nutrena Nets 6c

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The 80 RWDSU members working in Nutrena Mills settled their wage reopener and at a plant meeting Nov. 1 voted overwhelmingly to accept a general wage increase of six cents an hour, retroactive to Sept. 27.

Regional Dir. Harry Bush, who assisted in the final stages of negotiations, pointed out that the Nutrena workers won a principled victory along with their wage increase, since they succeeded in their objective of narrowing the gap between their rates and other feed mills in Memphis whose employees are members of Local 19. The rates, he said, now range from \$1.16 an hour to \$1.36, just a penny short of the other feed mill rates.

It was made clear to the company that next year the workers would seek to eliminate the difference entirely. While the company sought an extension of contract for two years, the workers insisted on and won the company's agreement to letting the pact run out next year. It is felt that full-fledged negotiations then would provide a better opportunity to erase the wage differential between plants.

Leading the union negotiating committee were Local 19 Pres. Lee Lashley and Organizer Bernard Smith, with Chief Steward Eddie Strong and Crew Stewards McKinley Jackson, Louis Maron, Mary Harris and Babe Jones.

Meanwhile, as part of Local 19's drive to collect funds for the Memphis Community Chest the Nutrena workers tripled their last year's contribution to the fund, as did the workers of the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company's Hollywood plant. Success of the drive was attributed in large measure to the joint employer-union collections, initiated by Local 19.



ALABAMA BARBEQUE by Gadsden Local 506 had traditional rousing square dance, with music by Local 506 Pres. Chuck Foster (with fiddle) and his CIO Ramblers' band. Distinguished guest were, Mr. S. Godfriedson, Miss Eleanor Colt, Miss Brownie Lee Jones, all of American Education Ass'n. Int'l V-P Frank Parker was there, as was Int'l Rep. Lester Bettice.

Little Rock, Ark. Pact

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The workers in the Arkansas Farmers Plant Food Co. renewed their contract last month with a wage increase of two cents an hour, Regional Dir. Harry Bush reported.

Bush pointed out that the negotiations took place in the midst of a depression in the Little Rock farm area, which has been seriously hit by drought conditions. A number of conferences was held over two months, and finally, with the assistance of Federal Mediator Charles Wheeler, the workers were able to achieve the increase. The members were led by Local 26 Pres. Matthew Kellum and Fin. Sec. Roy Newsom, who were assisted by Bush.

feature section

At Bloomingdales Branches:

The day after Labor Day, 1,200 unorganized employees of the three suburban branches of Bloomingdale's Department Store were met as they came to work by leaders of the organized Bloomingdale main store in New York City. They were handed leaflets urging them to join with 10,000 District 65 department store workers for a bigger and better union of department store employees.

This action was part of a project set for themselves by the organized store employees to protect their jobs, which are being put in danger by the widely recognized push of city stores into the suburbs. Months ago, under the leadership of '65' Pres. David Livingston, they decided that the suburban branches must be organized.

The Bloomingdale members launched a simultaneous drive at the three branches, plus the previously unorganized part-time



FRESH MEADOWS, L. I. BRANCH of Bloomingdale Dept. Store is one of three targets in District 65 organizing campaign. Participating in drive are, l. to r., Organizer John Buckenberger, and Frieda O'Connor, Mae Burke and Ida Moore, union members employed in firm's 59th St. store.

people in the main 59th Street store. In a few weeks the drive in the main store, conducted entirely by a group of rank and file leaders, had signed up the 750 part-timers.

Progress is also being made in the branches. In the New Rochelle, N. Y. branch store, one department has been completely organized and the union has filed for an election. In the Stamford, Conn. branch, a number of

contacts have been made and cards signed. But most significantly, an agreement has been reached between '65' and the powerful AFL Teamsters Union in Connecticut to launch a joint organizing drive in the Stamford store.

So it's safe to say: the RWDSU is making progress at Bloomingdale's branches, and one of these days, they'll be in the union too.

Organizing in the RWDSU



CONVINCING A WORKER at Tite-Seal shop takes a lot of talking on the part of Int'l Rep. Frank Di Nicola. Tite-Seal plant has no facilities for employees to eat lunch inside, so organizers have an opportunity to meet them during lunch hour, persuade them to sign union application cards.



PART-TIME ORGANIZERS are these two rank and file leaders of N. J. locals. At left is Michael Roccia, chief steward at Broch Mfg. Co., Local 305-A. At right is Pres. Larney Worrill of Local 302, who is also a member of RWDSU General Council. Both are active in organizing campaign.

In Northern New Jersey:

In the past several weeks the workers in five or six shops in northern New Jersey have been reading RWDSU leaflets and speaking to RWDSU organizers every few days. A number of them have signed RWDSU membership cards in quick little meetings with the RWDSU men before work, during lunch time and after work and in their homes at night. These things are happening daily as the RWDSU's drive to organize in the Paterson-Newark area gains momentum.

The campaign is being carried out with the combined efforts of 11 locals, some of them

pitching in with full time organizers, like Max Wolf of Local 262 and Lou Jacobs of '108'. Others are contributing rank and file organizers like Larney Worrill and Mike Roccia. The drive is being led by Vice-Pres. Dominick Tripode, assisted by Vice-Pres. Dale Buckius and Int'l Rep. Frank Di Nicola.

Targets which have received most attention thus far include the key Meyer Bros. department store in Paterson, employing about 450 people, Federal Sweets and Biscuit Co. in Clifton, with close to 700 workers who are now in a so-called independent union, Jay Hawk Novelty Co. and Tite-Seal Mfg. Co.

At last report most progress has been scored at the Federal Sweets plant, where at least 40 workers have signed membership cards. At Tite-Seal, too, headway is promising, with the workers, who have no place in the plant to eat lunch, coming outside, talking to the organizers and signing cards. While there are now only 20 workers in the shop, it is due to grow to over 50 as the plant expands.

Some of the RWDSU's strongest and most effective unions are throwing their resources into this drive, and if the promise these locals bring is fulfilled, as it must be, it is clear that the State of New Jersey will become a citadel of strength of the RWDSU.

MOVIES

in review

CARMEN JONES . . . Good

If ever a film was designed that could tempt the jazz devotee to turn his ear to "long-hair" music, Carmen Jones is that film. With all its weaknesses, it is one of the most exciting films to come out of Hollywood.

This modern-day Carmen works in a parachute factory, and instead of a fancy Don Jose, her soldier is just plain Joe. Escamillo, the bull-fighter of Bizet's Carmen, is now the prize-fighter Husky Miller. Although you are fully aware that there is only tragedy in store, you are carried along full of excitement until the very end.



Dorothy Dandridge

She is one of the most beautiful women you've ever seen, this Dorothy Dandridge, with all the fire needed to make Carmen come alive. Harry Belafonte as the ill-fated Joe who is seduced by Carmen, only to be cast aside for the prize-fighter, displays tremendous sensitivity. It is a pity that they are not, either of them, able to handle dialogue. They are both artists in their own right, and are able to make you feel this tragic thing that is happening to them, but when they open their mouths to speak, the words are lifeless.

Pearl Bailey in her portrayal as Carmen's friend is both sympathetic and humorous. With her natural flair she walks off with scene after scene, and the high point of her performance comes when she sings "Beat Out That Rhythm on a Drum."

The motion picture industry is to be credited for making opera so palatable to the average movie-goer, and giving so many people the opportunity to know the great music of George Bizet. —BEA ECKSTEIN

THE BEACHCOMBER . . . Fair

The Beachcomber, adapted from a story by W. Somerset Maugham, is a highly incredible film of a series of events in the lives of a group of Englishmen on the tropical island, Bard. Ewart Gray (played by Donald Sinden) Resident-in-Charge of the Welcome Islands, together with Owen Jones (Paul Rogers), a medical missionary, and his sister Martha (Glynis Johns), bring about a complete reformation in the character of Edward Wilson (Robert Newton) a drunken out-cast, known as Honorable Ted.

Martha moves about the island like the missionary Albert Schweitzer. She teaches school, extracts teeth, administers the clinic. With the same equanimity she performs an emergency appendectomy on the village headman under most primitive surgical conditions, binds the wound of a sacred elephant whose trunk was badly torn in a fight with a crocodile and arrests a cholera epidemic with some assistance from Honorable Ted.

But the film is not without some redeeming features. What the plot lacks in credulity is made up for by the competent cast, the enchanting color and scenery. The film's stars make the most of the material in hand. In fact, it is because Newton plays the sodden drunk so well that it is difficult to picture him as the sober and proper Englishman we find him at the finish. The sets look like National Geographic come to life and the natives seem to have just stepped out of a Gauguin canvas.

—MILLIE TILLER

THE RECORD RECOMMENDS

EXCELLENT

A Star is Born
Ugetsu (Jap.)
White Christmas
Sabrina
On the Waterfront
Rear Window
Seven Brides for
Seven Brothers
Lili

GOOD

Carmen Jones
Beau Brummell
The Barefoot Contessa
The Caine Mutiny
The Student Prince
Scotch on the Rocks
Magnificent Obsession
Garden of Evil
About Mrs. Leslie

letters to the editor:

Calls for Ending U. S. Arms Sale To Arabs

To the Editor: The Oct. 31 issue of The Record was the finest yet with page after page revealing a long list of RWDSU advances and worthwhile achievements.

However, it seems to me that the story on Israel could have had a lot more added to it. As a Jewish member of the RWDSU I am deeply concerned about the present state of insecurity, bordering on war, in the new and tiny state which has become the hope for a better life for the remnants of Nazi persecuted European Jewry. Israel is now surrounded on all sides by unfriendly, uncooperative and warlike Arab governments that fear the social, economic and democratic forward march of its tiny neighbor.

Sad to relate our own State Department permits the sale of arms to the Arabs while placing an embargo upon their sale to Israel, and in general joins the British government in taking sides against Israel on most issues. Such a position by our State Dept. casts a doubtful shadow on our pretense of supporting democratic, freedom-loving nations. Certainly it discredits all Americans, whatever religion they observe.

This policy could possibly end up in the destruction of Israel and its people. I urge that the members of RWDSU write their Congressmen urging them to work for a peaceful solution to the Arab and Jewish differences, and to stop the arming of the Arab nations.

SAM "JERRY" KATZ
Toy & Giftware Local
District 65, N.Y.

Movie Page Ball Reported A Success

To the Editor: On behalf of the movie Page Ball Committee of the Screen Publicists Guild, District 65, I want to extend our thanks for the attention you gave our Ball in the columns of The Record.

Undoubtedly you will be happy to learn that the Ball was a great success in every way and received considerable praise in the motion picture trade press. Once again, thanks.

GEORGE NELSON
United Artists Corp., Screen
Publicists Guild, New York.

Virginia Local Praises Job of International Rep.

To the Editor: We, the employees of Hidden Storage & Forwarding Corp. and members of Local 27, RWDSU-CIO, Newport News, Va., cannot express in words how grateful we are to Henry Hamilton, international representative of the RWDSU, for the wonderful leadership he is giving to the members of Local 27. We are learning the values of being organized. We are now enjoying the Security Plan, being paid by the company, one and two week vacations and six holidays with pay.

We now have provisions in our contract, which went into effect Nov. 3, 1954, for getting (for the first time, I can happily say) sick leave days with pay, a wage increase and other improvements in working conditions.

JAMES DAVIS
Chairman and Chaplain
Local 27
Newport News, Va.

Asks, And Is Answered, On 'Right to Work' Laws

To the Editor: Would you please let me know where I can get information on the various "Right to Work" state laws? We are certain such a law is being prepared for West Virginia, and will need information on what to expect so as to be able to prepare a battle plan against this anti-labor weapon.

FRANKLIN M. KAEMMERLING
Marx Toy Co., Local 149
Mountsville, W. Va.

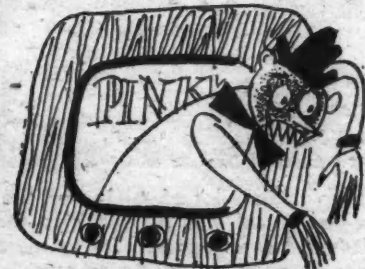
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Going thru

channels

What is TV doing for—and to—our kids? Child psychologists, educators, pediatricians and other experts have tried, with varying degrees of success, to answer. Most of them have agreed that there's a good deal more to criticize than to commend in children's programs.

A notable exception is "Disneyland" (ABC-Wed., 7 p.m. EST). Its first two programs on Oct. 7 and Nov. 3 gave a foretaste of a series that both children and adults can enjoy, and one that parents will approve. The programs,



using full-length cartoons, short subjects and nature features produced by the Disney organization, should prove to be a high point in the kids' weekly tele-viewing.

By contrast—and a horrible contrast at that—let us examine the Pinky Lee show. The N. Y. Times television critic, Jack Gould, calls it "a tasteless, witless and crude half hour" and "a conspiracy against parents." That's putting it mildly. If there were an award for the worst program on TV, the Pinky Lee show would win it on the first ballot.

Immediately following this monstrous program is Howdy Doody, which often seems almost as bad. Every actor on this show performed at the top of his lungs, and the idiotic plot seems purposely designed to create as much of an uproar as possible at home as well as in the studio—and at an hour when the kids are tired

and should be quieting down for supper and bed.

On these, as on many other juvenile shows, the commercials are especially obnoxious. If you think the average commercial on an adult show is objectionable, try watching one on a children's program. You'll see salesmanship at its lowest—and we mean lowest.

Other programs that the networks should be ashamed of include most of the cowboy and spacemen shows. The horse operas are usually ten to fifteen-year-old Hollywood "quickies", and the prints are often so blurry that the kids have difficulty in watching them. These films were nothing to brag about when they were made, and age has certainly not



improved them. The space shows produce a goodly number of nightmares among their young viewers. Perhaps that's what they're supposed to do.

Fortunately, there are a number of good programs, in addition to Disney's, to offset at least some of the trash. Among these are Ding Dong School, the Herb Sheldon Show, Magic Cottage, Kukla, Fran & Ollie, and Ray Forrester's Children's Theater. More power to them!

—MAX STEINBOCK

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HEAD TABLE at Local 108 Stewards Convention, held Oct. 24 in Newark, included rank and filers as well as officers. Shown at dais are: Morris Epstein, corresponding secretary of Local 108; Exec. Sec. Joseph Minish Essex-West Hudson Council, CIO; Irving Rosenberg, Director of Local 108; RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg, and Carl Holderman, N. J. State Commissioner of Labor and Industry, formerly president of N. J. CIO Council.

It Was a Busy Day For Local 108 Stewards At Annual Convention



LEADING CANDIDATES addressed Local 108 Stewards Convention. Among them was Congressman Hugh J. Addonizio, a New Jersey Democrat who was reelected Nov. 2nd. At right is Exec. Vice-Pres. Meyer Meyers of Local 108.

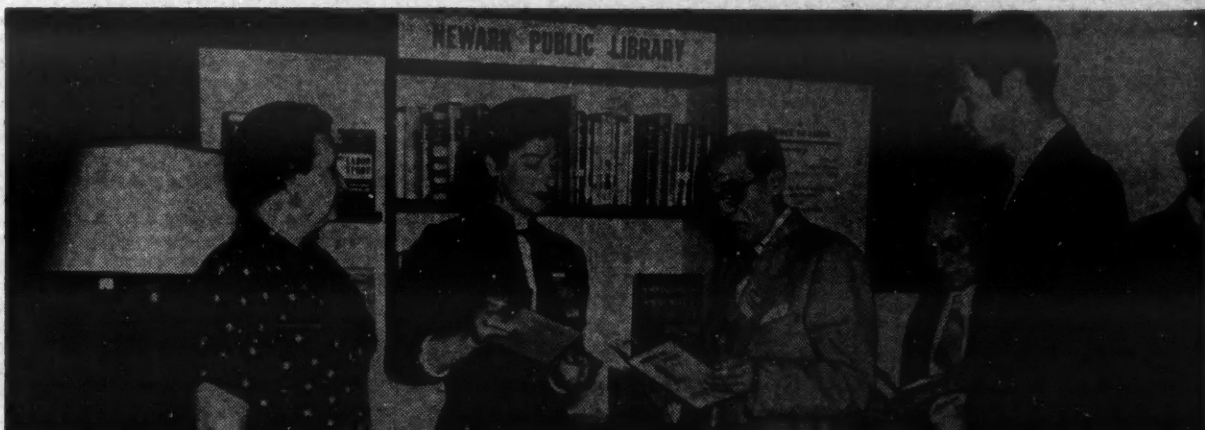
WITH Election Day about a week off, it was only natural that the annual stewards' convention of the Retail Union of New Jersey, Local 108, should be concerned with political affairs. But political action is a year-round affair with this local, as the presence of so many leading candidates at the meeting indicated.

Political figures who addressed the 300 delegates included Democratic Senatorial candidate Charles Howell, who lost a close race to Republican Clifford Case; Rep. Hugh Addonizio, who won reelection to Congress and Martin Fox, Democratic candidate for Congress in the 12th District.

Other notables who spoke included RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg, N. J. Labor Comm. Carl Holderman, Newark's Mayor Leo Carlin and N. J. CIO Exec. Vice-Pres. Joel Jacobson. And, of course, there were reports by the officers of '108': Dir. Irving Rosenberg, Exec. Vice-Pres. Meyer Meyers and Business Rep. Irving Brady.

Interspersed among the speeches and discussion were a community sing led by Joseph Glazer, educational director of the CIO Rubber Workers, and a showing of films of the Ed Murrow-Sen. McCarthy controversy. And there was an annual event: the presentation of awards for meritorious service which this year went to Pres. Greenberg and Stewards Jean Weckstein, Theodore Dondero and Jack Lobel.

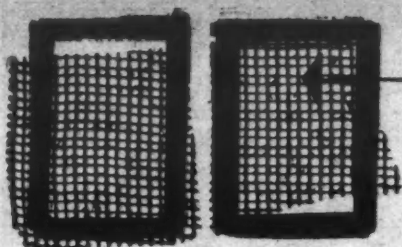
All in all, it was quite a day for Local 108's stewards—one that they will be talking about for a long time to come.



BOOKS ON LABOR interest these delegates at display set up by Newark Public Library's Service to Trade Unions Division. Left to right are Jean Weckstein, Sylvia Solomon, Ben Kahn, treasurer of Local 108; Harry Snapek and Leslie Rupprecht of the Newark Public Library. The display was a popular spot at Stewards Convention.



SOCIAL INTERLUDE came during luncheon that provided a break in all-day sessions of Local 108 Stewards Convention, which was held at Hotel Essex House in Newark. Three hundred stewards participated.



BEWARE storm window gyps

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

With the help of exaggerated television and newspaper ads, FHA's deception-ridden home-improvement loans, high-pressure salesmen and homeowners who don't read contracts before signing, buying storm-windows for a house has become one of the trickiest, over-priced deals you can get into these days.

Certainly storm windows are vital for a house in a cold area. They pay for themselves (if reasonably priced). Not only do they keep you more comfortable by reducing the heat loss from your body to cold glass windows, but according to the University of Illinois Small Home Council, they save up to 20 per cent of your fuel bill (but not 50 per cent as salesmen sometimes claim). They also extend the life of heating equipment by reducing the load on it, and reduce condensation and frost formation on windows and sills.

But you don't have to pay \$400 or \$500 to secure the advantage of storm windows as many families have done and are doing on easy-credit plans. The public seems to lose all sense of values at the sound of such words as "aluminum," "redwood," or "self-storing." High pressure salesmen and television pitchmen use



all kinds of deceptive gimmicks, such as bait offers of aluminum windows for \$10, which they dissuade you from buying when you respond to the offer. But even "legitimate" companies use exaggerated price lists. For example, one trade expert showed me retail price lists quoting \$35 plus \$3 for installation for aluminum storm windows that cost dealers only \$14.75.

You should also know that many storm window dealers do not make windows but are simply order takers. So it turns out that aluminum storms are priced as high as they are not because aluminum is a precious metal or storm windows are really expensive to manufacture or have special gadgets. The real reason for the high prices is that selling storm windows has become a high-pressure, high-cost business with heavy expenses for television, radio and newspaper advertising, and commissions to salesmen of 10 to 20 per cent of the price you pay. Actually there are few standard prices for storm windows. Salesmen and showrooms frequently charge different customers different prices, depending on the customer's attitude, how large the order is, and how busy the workshops and installers are at the time.

Not only are aluminum storms frequently overpriced but so are redwood ones. One reader recently wrote this department that they were about to close a deal with a salesman for eight "deluxe" redwood storm windows and a storm door for \$460. With a little comparison shopping this family should be able to buy eight high-grade aluminum storms and the door for about \$275-\$300.

The wood sash everybody used for storm windows before salesmen discovered aluminum cost only \$5-\$6 a window for standard sizes, plus \$1.50-\$2 extra for fitting and hanging if desired. Chief advantage of aluminum windows is that most types now sold are a permanent installation and save changing storms and screens twice a year. This makes them especially desirable for (1) two-story houses, (2) older people and (3) very large windows which are hard to handle. But for many uses, if a man can save a couple of hundred dollars he will be quite well paid for his time spent changing windows.

Aluminum storms also can be made to fit a little tighter than wood sash if the aluminum ones are a good type and properly installed.



If you prefer aluminum storms, here are tips on getting fair value:

1—Price lists dealers display are exaggerated, and show different prices for various sizes of windows. Actually all except unusually large sizes cost the dealer the same price from the factory, a little under \$15. Thus a reasonable price would be \$25 for a top-quality three-track window, including installation. Often you can get a better price from the showroom than from outside salesmen.

2—Extruded aluminum windows and doors are best. This type is thicker, has sharp corners and is not pliable like windows made of rolled aluminum bent to shape. The cheap rolled-aluminum windows tend to get out of shape.

3—Three-track self storing windows are more convenient than two-tracks (often shown on television) and are preferable if the cost is no more than \$2-\$3 extra per window. The glass and screen are not quite as easy to interchange as the man shows them to be on television. But if the difference in cost seems worthwhile (since dealers often charge disproportionately more for three-track windows) the two-tracks can be quite satisfactory.

4—For double-hung windows, aluminum storms which fit into the window frame as do wood storm windows, are more satisfactory than those which overlap the frame—often the type the television promoters sell. If the caulking dries up or the house settles, rain and cold air get through the overlap type.

5—Floating or expansion type aluminum storms are preferable so they can be squared up snugly against the frame. This is the first thing a good installer will do when he puts in storm windows.

Next issue this department will report on rackets in storm doors, and offer shopping tips on casement storm windows.

TUNA GIVES AN OLD FAVORITE A NEW TWIST



SOUP'S ON—a nourishing Split Pea and Tuna Soup—which will have everyone coming back for seconds. Generous chunks of canned tuna from California add heartiness and lots of flavor. Try this recipe once and we're sure you'll be asked to serve it often on cold autumn nights.

SPLIT PEA AND TUNA SOUP (Makes 6 servings)

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| 1½ quarts hot water | 1 medium-sized carrot, finely chopped |
| 4 slices bacon, diced | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 1½ cups split peas | 1 7-ounce can solid-pack tuna, drained |
| 1 large onion, chopped | |

Combine water, bacon, peas and onion; bring to boil over medium heat. Cover and continue cooking over low heat 1½ hours; add carrot, salt and pepper and continue cooking 1 hour. Break tuna into large pieces with a fork and add to soup mixture; heat to serving temperature.

Relation of Smoking To Lung Cancer

By Doctors of the Dist. 65 Security Plan

Research over the past five years in the U. S. and England has proved fairly conclusively that excessive cigaret smoking is an important cause or factor leading to cancer of the lung. This research has been conducted

by individual scientists, by State Health Departments and by the American Cancer Society, the most important organization in the U. S. concerned with educating the public and doctors about cancer. Many people, however, are puzzled about some aspects of smoking. What does "excessive" smoking mean? Why are cigarettes more dangerous than pipes and cigars? Why don't women get lung trouble? How can the smoking habit be cured?

Cancer of the lung is not caused solely by a single factor such as cigaret smoking. This is obvious from the fact that cancer of the lung occurs in persons who have never smoked. In these persons some factor other than smoking is responsible for the cancer. Some investigators believe that industrial waste in the air is an important factor responsible for the increasing incidence of lung cancer in our society. Others believe that the burning of gasoline in autos produces irritating products which pollute the air we breathe and are conceivably irritating enough to cause cancer of the lungs in some individuals. But cancer of the lung also occurs in farmers in rural areas, who are not exposed to strong concentration of gasoline fumes, or to air polluted by industrial wastes.

Obviously there are other factors beside air pollution, gasoline and heavy cigaret smoking that can cause cancer. What these are, however, is a mystery. Until more research is done and more statistics are gathered, the most conclusive statement that can be made is that heavy cigaret smoking is the most important single factor responsible for cancer of the lung.

Not everyone who smokes cigarettes heavily will get cancer of the lung. But the chances of getting lung cancer are many times greater for heavy cigaret smokers than for non-smokers. What constitutes "heavy" smoking and just how long it is necessary to smoke to be susceptible to lung cancer is unknown. For some persons heavy smoking is more than ten cigarettes a day. For others it is two packs a day. Most medical experts consider that on the average a pack of cigarettes a day must be considered heavy or excessive smoking. And it probably takes years of heavy smoking before cancerous changes take place.

Lung cancer is more common among

men than among women because they have been smoking cigarettes longer than women. Women began to smoke heavily about 15 years ago and it is now believed that women will soon be catching up with men as far as lung cancer is concerned.

Cancer of the lung occurs in pipe smokers and cigar smokers but much less commonly than in cigaret smokers. The reason is that cigaret smokers tend to inhale, drawing in deep into the bronchial tubes and lungs the irritating smoke. Cigar and pipe smokers do not tend to inhale and are thus much less susceptible to lung changes. If you can't stop smoking, try switching to a pipe or cigars.

There is no evidence that smoking cigarettes with special filters lessens appreciably the dangers of lung irritation. It is possible that the most important element in tobacco smoke that irritates the lungs is the tars and so far no cigaret has been made that can completely screen out the irritating tars or other particles and gases in tobacco smoke.

There are no magic drugs or short cuts that can help a person break the habit of heavy cigaret smoking. Some persons do best by gradually cutting down the number of cigarettes they smoke. Others prefer to cease smoking all at once. Still others switch to cigars or pipes.

Persons who have given up heavy cigaret smoking completely will often find that their voice improves, their morning cough disappears, their appetite improves—and they start gaining weight. A gain of five to ten pounds is fairly common and if the weight gain can be kept within these limits, there will be no harm. Others tend to gain steadily and then have to face the problem of going on a reducing diet. Some people find it harder to lose weight than to give up smoking.

Because of the increasing frequency of lung cancer it is imperative that every adult—male and female—should have a chest X-ray regularly. Regularly means at least once a year for those who do not smoke and at least once every six to nine months for those who do smoke. Chest X-rays are one of the surest ways of detecting lung cancer at a stage that can permit surgical cure.

new 'TRAP' for labor

'Right to Work' State Laws: Union Busting Device

"The Right to Work" is a fair-sounding slogan. It sounds like the title of a full-employment program. But it is being used by reactionary groups as a cover for state anti-labor legislation.

In its name 17 states have outlawed all forms of union security; the closed shop, the union shop, and maintenance of membership. In several other states "right to work" bills are in the hopper.

"Right to work" laws make it unlawful for labor and management to include union-security provisions in collective-bargaining agreements. Many of these state laws also contain other restrictions of union activities. These laws aim to undermine union strength and to throw roadblocks in the way of collective bargaining.

Eleven of the seventeen "right to work" states passed their laws in 1947. That was the year of whipped-up anti-labor hysteria when the Taft-Hartley Act was passed over President Truman's veto. Only one state, Florida, adopted such a law prior to 1947.

Since 1952 anti-labor forces in the states have been gathering new strength. Five additional states passed "right to work" laws between 1952 and 1954. And anti-labor groups are hard at work in the state capitols attempting to convince legislators that their states need such legislation.

Taft-Hartley Partner in Crime

The Taft-Hartley Act encourages enactment of state "right to work" laws. And recent actions of the National Labor Relations Board—which limit the Federal Government's authority in industrial relations—make state labor legislation more important than at any time in the past 20 years.

The "right to work" laws rule out what has been recognized over the years as a fundamental trade union concept: that the union designated by a majority of employees is the "exclusive" bargaining agent for all employees in the unit.

Behind the doctrine of exclusive bargaining rights is the simple democratic idea of majority rule. A Republican president—elected by a majority of voters—is the president of the United States, not of Republicans alone. It is similar in industrial relations; the union selected as the bargaining agent by a majority of employees becomes the sole bargaining agent for all employees in the unit.

It is apparent that representation for minority unions could lead to chaotic conditions—multiple contracts for the same group of workers, conflicting seniority provisions and wage rates, conflicts over representation on bargaining committees, and a lack of a sense of responsibility on the part of the multiple unions.

The grant of exclusive bargaining rights to the majority union does away with the possibility of such chaos. It promotes orderly procedures for collective bargaining. It aids the development of responsible unions that aim to keep the support of the majority. And it tends

to free the majority union from endless battles with numerous competing unions for collective bargaining with the employer.

Union representation leads to benefits for all the workers in the unit.

Is it unreasonable, then, to ask all workers in the bargaining unit to contribute financially to the support of the union that represents them? Can society properly sanction the "free rider" who refuses to assume his share of the burden of industrial citizenship?

The "free rider"—the non-paying non-member who enjoys the benefits of trade unionism—is like a member of the community who refuses to pay taxes for the upkeep of the schools, parks, police and fire departments, and refuses to vote in the community elections. Such a citizen is not merely anti-social; he is a threat to the continued health and safety of the community.

Reasonable people, therefore, have long recognized the legitimate right of the exclusive bargaining agent designated by a majority to receive financial support from all workers represented by the union. This right has been recognized by employers, as well as by trade unionists, lawyers, judges, and students of industrial relations. It is the basic premise that underlies the idea of union security.

Under open-shop conditions the union is perpetually fighting for its very existence. It is always in the midst of organizing efforts. Little time or energy is left to the union, under open-shop conditions, for a constructive relationship with the employer. Both workers and management suffer as a result of the union's insecurity imposed by open-shop conditions.

Yet 17 states have outlawed all forms of union security. The Taft-Hartley Act—which permits union-security provisions other than the closed shop—permits the states to restrict or limit all other forms of union-security provisions. This federal statute specifically permits the states to be more restrictive than the federal law in the area of union security.

States Get 'Green Light'

Instead of a national policy that would permit unions and employers to negotiate union-security provisions freely, the present law presents a series of obstacles. The national law bars the closed shop; it permits other forms of union security, but it permits the states to outlaw them.

If "right to work" laws were adopted by all the states, there could be 49 different laws affecting union security: the federal law and 48 state laws. Yet union security is an issue that clearly calls for a national policy, since labor-management relations are conducted with national firms that buy and sell in the national market and operate establishments in several states.

The selection of union security for special restrictions under a combination of federal and state laws is an obvious attempt to undermine collective bargaining. This policy on union security clearly stems from an anti-labor bias, regardless of how it is cloaked.

The claims of high principle for "right to work" laws have no basis in fact. These laws have but one single-minded aim: the undermining of union strength by disrupting effective collective bargaining and atomizing industrial relations.

States With 'Right to Work' Laws

States with "right to work" laws are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Cavil-Cade

By LES FINNEGAN

● IN TOKYO, JAPAN, industrialists and big businessmen were stunned when a question of 60 halted transactions involving millions of dollars. For the first time in history a strike closed down the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Union members, refused a 60-an-hour pay hike, walked out and brought all the Exchange's operations grinding to a stop. The shutdown was a matter of particular chagrin to Stock Exchange officials. Only three times before had the Exchange been closed—once by an earthquake, once by a revolution and once by a tremendous snowstorm. The Stock Exchange officials had promptly taken out insurance against earthquakes, revolutions and snowstorms, but no one had ever thought to buy a policy protecting against a strike.

● IN CHICAGO, ILL., a striking furniture worker put his son's hobby to good union use on a picket line. The son had raised white mice as a hobby for six months when the father decided one day to amuse his fellow strikers by carrying one of the mice to the picket line. But on the way he had an inspiration. An hour later the white mouse was on the picket line, riding in a boy's wagon. On each side of the wagon was a placard announcing in prominent black print, "I wouldn't Call This Employer a Rat—I'm Too Self-Respecting."

● IN GOTTENGEN, GERMANY officials of the Bricklayers Union welfare fund were puzzled by the reluctance of Fritz Mueller, a union member, to explain how he broke his leg. Only when Mueller was told that he could not receive benefits unless he explained the cause of his injury did the truth come out. He was working on a new house, Mueller explained shamefacedly, when he took time out for lunch and noticed an apple tree near by. Yielding to temptation, Mueller climbed the tree, reached for an apple, lost his grip and tumbled. Down went Mueller crashing onto the roof of an adjoining building. But the roof didn't hold and Mueller plunged down through the ceiling and right into the middle of a meeting—a meeting of citizens called to discuss the prevention of accidents.

● IN MIAMI, FLA., Mayor Aronovitz is pushing a new city ordinance aimed at "B-girls," young women who are hired by bars and taverns to join unescorted males and encourage them to run up fantastic bills for drinks. Said Mayor Aronovitz, "One provision of this ordinance will knock the B-girls' cuckoo because it will provide that they must consume the alcoholic beverages their escorts are paying for and not the cold tea they are now drinking at inflated liquor prices." Ignoring the B-girls' threat "to form our own union" or "call a city-wide strike," the mayor added, "If they start working at 8 p.m. and drink the liquor they now pretend to drink, they will be rolling around under the bar by 10 o'clock instead of remaining fresh as daisies until 5 a.m. on the present tea diet."

● IN LOMA LINDA, CAL. A union of truck drivers, hardened to hauling virtually every kind of merchandise, admitted for once that superstition nearly drove them to strike. The strike almost came when they discovered that they were scheduled to haul a \$5,000 shipment consisting of 144 human skeletons. The gruesome cargo was destined for the College of Medical Evangelists. Some of the queasier drivers debated the pros and cons for a while, but it was finally decided to handle the shipment with a "skeleton crew."

RECORD CROSS-WORD

By Ella M. Phillips
Local 43, Dade City, Florida

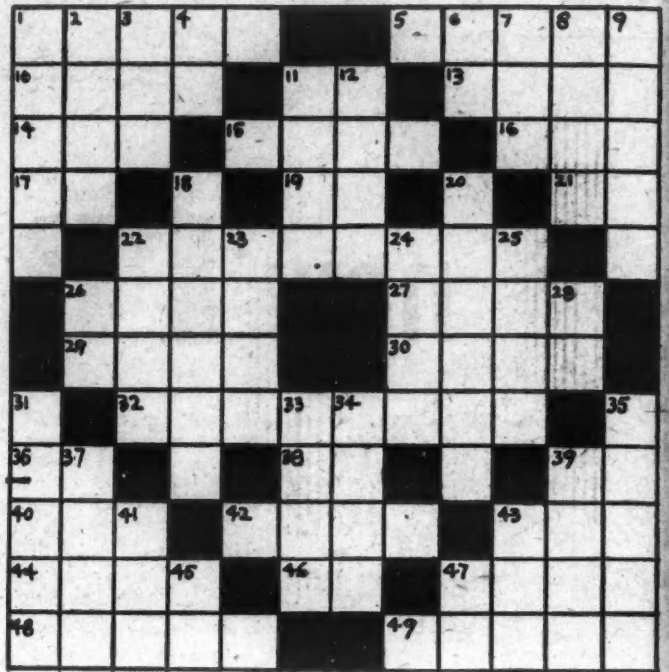
Each issue of the RWDSU RECORD will award a \$5 prize for an original cross-word puzzle chosen from those submitted by members of RWDSU locals, or their wives or husbands. Puzzles MOST LIKELY TO BE CHOSEN are those which use union terminology such as stewards, strike, contracts, grievances, negotiations, etc. Send your ORIGINAL puzzle to RWDSU RECORD, 132 W. 43rd St., New York 36, N.Y. Winner this issue is Ella M. Phillips, Local 43, Dade City, Fla.

ACROSS

- 1 — Fisher
- 5 "Velvet Fog"
- 10 People playing together
- 11 Chemical symbol for samarium
- 13 Festival
- 14 Feed for horses
- 15 Mr. Crosby
- 16 Desire
- 17 Printers measure
- 19 Guinea (Abbr.)
- 21 Chemical symbol for nickel
- 22 — McDonald
- 26 Founder of Pennsylvania
- 27 Comedienne
- 29 — Freberg's, "St. George & the Dragonet"
- 30 Angered
- 32 Jo —
- 36 — Jolson
- 38 Egyptian Sun god
- 39 Exist
- 40 Fasten knot
- 42 Singing actress, Virginia —
- 43 Tallahassee is its capital (Abbr.)
- 44 Crooner — Bennett
- 46 Compass direction.
- 47 Not sweet
- 48 Bury
- 49 Invented dynamite

DOWN

- 1 — Waters, singer & actress
- 2 Singing half of Martin & Lewis
- 3 Singer Dennis or Doris
- 4 Contraction
- 6 Preposition
- 7 Sobber Johnny —
- 8 Appearance
- 9 Hillbilly, Tennessee —
- 11 Affix signature to
- 12 Actress — Baxter
- 18 Branch of Congress
- 20 Kay — "Wheel of Fortune"
- 22 Fastest planes
- 23 Girl's name
- 24 Andrews Sisters is one
- 25 Watched closely
- 26 Postscript (Abbr.)
- 28 Nickname for Edward
- 31 Singer — Page
- 33 Songstress — Warren
- 34 Phil Harris' wife
- 35 — Bailey
- 37 King of the Beasts
- 39 A primary color
- 41 Entomology (AAbbr.)
- 43 Short watch chain
- 45 Poetic personal pronoun
- 47 Therefore



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(Answer to Puzzle on Page 15)

HAZY HERB



Hazel's Violent Floods Take Life of Toronto RWDSUer

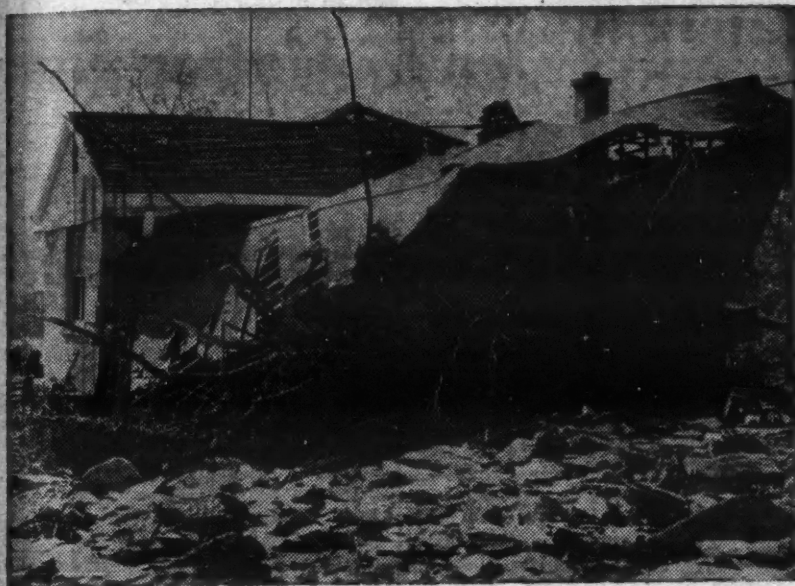


Photo courtesy Toronto Globe & Mail

WHERE A HOUSE ONCE STOOD there is now only a shambles, left in wake of Hurricane Hazel's roaring twist through Toronto, Ont., and vicinity. This house stood in Roymore Drive, totally washed out as a street. An estimated 75 people died on this street and those who survived suffered total loss of homes and other property. It was said ten million dollars was needed to cover losses to Toronto families as result of vicious storm which killed at least one member of RWDSU.

TORONTO, Ont.—RWDSU members throughout the country opened their hearts in profound sympathy for the terrible losses of life and of homes, cars and other property in the seething floods that engulfed the low-lying areas of Toronto as Hurricane Hazel tore its way into Canada on a Friday night last month.

Among those swept away in the raging waters of the formerly peaceful Etobicoke creek was a member of the RWDSU, Mrs. Patricia Thorpe. She worked in the Wonder Bread plant and was a member of Wholesale Bakery and Confectionery Workers Local 461. Mrs. Thorpe died with her husband, her mother and a son when their house disappeared under the water.

Toronto newspapers described as a miracle the survival of Mrs. Thorpe's daughter, four month-old Nancy, who lay in the arms of a neighbor's daughter as she and a number of others huddled on the roof of a sturdier house just across the street from Nancy's own.

While there were no other reported deaths of RWDSUers among the numerous Toronto residents who lost their lives in the flood, property losses to RWDSU members were staggering. Some of those

who suffered these losses were employees of Silverwood's Dairy, including Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilde, whose furniture and clothing were rendered useless and whose car was smashed.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Stubb lost their car and house, including almost everything inside it, while Jack Pickering, who lived on the same street as the Thorpes, had his car and house completely washed away.

J. Tomlin, T. Johnes and J. Newton likewise suffered, with Brother Newton's total belongings torn up and carried away.

Money to aid the flood victims has been raised in several of the Canadian RWDSU locals. In Local 461, the employees of Rowntree's have donated over \$500 and collected over 500 cans of food. Late last month the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Convention raised

DRIVE ON TO SIGN CANADA BREAD CO.

TORONTO, Ont.—A drive is on to organize over 150 route salesmen of the Canada Bread Co., one of the four biggest bakeries in the entire Dominion, Int'l Reps. Walter Kensit and William Styles reported.

A number of contacts have been made with the salesmen while they were en route, making their deliveries from two points in the city—the company's Danforth Ave. plant and a delivery depot in the city's outskirts.

Home visits are being carried out as well, and Styles reported that the reception on these visits is good.

While the inside production employees of five of the company's branch plants are organized, including one plant in Toronto, the big bakery's largest factory, located in Toronto, is unorganized, Styles said.

3 Winnipeg Firms In Negotiations

WINNIPEG, Man.—Negotiations are under way between Local 467 and the Building Products Co., while preparations for contract talks were being made by the employees of Western Grocers and Norwood Box Co., it was reported by Int'l Rep. Chris Schubert.

The first negotiating session with the 130 member Building Products Co. was held late last month, and Schubert said there were indications the company would agree quickly to certain demands, including pay for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, which this year fall on Saturday.

The Western Grocer workers, who are members of Local 469, completed action on their demands at the end of October. They seek a five-day, 40-hour work week and a general increase of 10 cents an hour. The firm employs over 50 members.

The 30 Norwood workers have set their sights on wage increases of 15 cents an hour, compulsory dues check-off, classification changes and two additional paid holidays.

an additional \$200 for the hurricane relief fund among the delegates. Other groups and individuals throughout Canada have swelled the fund which is providing relief to all the storm's victims.

CCL Asks Apology For Brass Hat's Anti-Union Slur

OTTAWA, Ont.—Hitting out at a slur on union members made by an army colonel reported by directing army rescue operations during the Hurricane Hazel disaster, Canadian Congress of Labour Sec.-Treas. Donald MacDonald wrote the Minister of National Defence asking for an official apology or retraction in public.

Colonel D. F. MacDonald was quoted in newspapers as saying "And they'll (the Army) be where they're needed as long as they are needed. This outfit doesn't work on union hours."

The letter of CCL Sec.-Treas. MacDonald said, in part:

"... men and women who are union members have played a full and unstinting part in rescue operations. Toronto firemen, who are union members, have won commendation for their actions on the night of the flood—and they have made it officially clear that they did not regard this as 'overtime.'"

Cross-word Answer

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Ontario Bakery Local 461 Holds Convention

TORONTO, Ont.—Delegates from nine cities of the Province of Ontario, representing 1,300 members met in the Retail and Wholesale Bakery and Confectionery Workers Local 461 Convention Sunday, Oct. 31, in the Royal York Hotel.

In addition to discussing the union's progress over the past year and making plans for the future the Convention elected a new slate of officers headed by Pres. Carl Taylor of Windsor and including Vice-Pres. Gordon Crawford and Sec.-Treas. Herbert Thorne. A new Executive Board was also elected. Named were Leo Bouldoin, Harry Hopkins, Don Oster, Bill Irwin and Jay Stevenson.

Guest speakers were headed by RWDSU Sec.-Treas. Martin Kyne and Vice-Pres. Thomas B. MacLachlan, and discussion centered on the possibilities and the need for organizing in the bakery and confectionery industry.

The group took time out from their deliberations to collect money for the Hurricane Hazel Relief Fund, and donated \$200.

Cities represented at the Convention were Toronto, Windsor, Chatham, London, Kitchener, Hamilton, Oshawa, Peterborough and Amherstburg.



RWDSU BAKERY WORKERS CONVENTION meets in Royal York Hotel, Toronto, for one-day-session devoted to discussion of industry problems, organizing possibilities to build Local 461. Delegates came from nine Ontario cities, represented 1,300 bakery and confectionery workers. Among guest speakers were RWDSU Sec.-Treas. Martin Kyne and Canadian Dir. Thomas B. MacLachlan.

10 Father Saves Boy in Fire, Both Badly Burned

DAILY MIRROR
An 11-year-old boy, unaware of his parents' shouts of "fire" due to his defective hearing, was dramatically rescued Tuesday from the second floor of a burning house in Brooklyn when his father braved smoke and flames

to reach his son's second-floor bedroom. Joseph DiMatteo, 34, of 1749 70th St., Brooklyn, and his son Thomas, 11, suffered third-degree burns of the arms, legs and body and were removed to Israel Zion

Hospital, but DiMatteo's wife and three younger children escaped without injury, along with seven other adults and three children living in the lower floor of the two-family frame-and-stucco dwelling.

AROUND 4:15 a. m. Mrs. Ann DiMatteo was awakened by the wind whipping at the blinds in the bedroom. She smelled smoke in the apartment, got up and found the living room afire. She awakened the rest of the family. Two of the children, Raymond, 10, and Frank, 7, made their way downstairs unaided, while Mrs. DiMatteo and her husband carried their daughter Joanne, 3, to the street. It was then that DiMatteo, a shoe salesman, realized his eldest son had failed to hear their shouts.

The fire, of undetermined origin, did considerable damage to both floors of the house.

A heroic RWDSU member has had dramatic proof in recent weeks that his fellow members are friends he can turn to when disaster strikes.

Joe Di Matteo is a member of District 65, working as a shoe salesman at Stern's Dept. Store in New York. Last August 17th, he was awakened by his wife Ann at four in the morning. Their home was on fire. Their shouts woke three of their children, whom they led to safety on the street.

But their eldest son, 11-year-old Thomas, who is hard of hearing, was still in the blazing apartment. Joe fought his way back upstairs and carried the boy out. But both suffered severe burns over large areas of their bodies.

Father and son were taken to the hospital where they spent the next eight days. During those days, Joe had plenty of time to think about the fix he was in. True, his medical and hospital bills were fully covered by his union's Security Plan. But he still needed a place to live, furniture and clothes for the entire family. Everything the Di Matteos owned had been destroyed in the fire.

Helped Speed Recovery

But while he was in the hospital, his co-workers were doing something about Joe's plight. A collection in the store raised \$800, and some of Joe's fellow members at Stern's shoe department brought the money to him at Israel Zion Hospital, and told him "There's more coming!" Joe told The Record that this completely unexpected gesture of his fellow members did more than anything else to speed his recovery.

A few weeks later, while he was convalescing at the home of a relative, Joe was handed a check for \$1,000, representing additional contributions by his co-workers. The Stern Bros management provided complete outfits of clothing for the entire family. And because of his desperate need, city authorities quickly found an apartment for him in the Sheepshead Bay housing project.

Joe is back at work. He and his son Thomas have pretty well recovered, and the Di Matteos are living a normal life again. But none of them will ever forget how Joe's fellow members came through when their help was needed.

As Joe puts it: "These people at Stern's—my friends—all got together on their own to help us. Nobody had to tell them to do it. We can never thank them enough for their help and their friendship."

LEADERS IN THE DRIVE of Stern employees to help Joe Di Matteo welcome him back to work at the store. L. to r., Steward Sidney Bassin, Di Matteo, Stern's Local 5 Vice-Chmn. Morty Lewart, Harold Pelcyger and Local 5 Organizer Jimmy Briggs.

Joe Di Matteo Finds Fellow Members Are Friends Indeed

